A New and Most

Exact Account

Of the Fertiles and Famous COLONY of

CAROLINA

(On the Continent of *America*,)

Whose *Latitude* is from 36 *Deg.* of *North Latitude*, to 29 *Deg.*

Together with a

Maritine Account of its Rivers, Barrs, Soundings and Harbours; also of the Natives, their Religion, Traffick and Commodities.

Likewise the Advantages accrewing to all Adventurers by the Customs of the Countrey; Being the most Healthful and Fertile of His Majesties Territories on the said Continent of

AMERICA.

As also an Account of the Islands of *Bermudas*, the Harbours, Situation, People, Commodities, *&c.* belonging to the said Islands; the whole being a Compendious Account of a Voyage made (by an Ingenious Person) for a full discovery of the above-said places. Begun in *October* 82, and finished this present year, 1683.

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The COMPENDIUM of a Journall from the River of *Clyd* in the Kingdom of *Scotland*, to *Port-Royal* in *Carolina*. (whose Latitude is 32 degrees 5 *Minutes*)

WE parted from the River of *Clyd*, and after being toſſed with contrary Winds 12 weeks, we thought fit to put into the Islands of *Barmoodus* which lyeth in Latitude 32 degrees and 15 m. On our appearance before the ſaid Islands there came a Pylot boat which took us in at *Caſtle* harbour; it is their conſtant practice to come out ſo ſoon as they diſcover any Ships: Theſe Islands are not Acceſſable on the *North* ſide, becauſe of Rocks and Banks that ly off the Islands from 6 to 7 Leagues; the *South* ſide is a bold Shore, ſo that a Man may boldly come within half a mile of it; There are only 2 Entries which are ſtrongly Fortified; one at the *Eaſt*, and the other at the *South-Eaſt* end; There is but 12 foot water on their entries at Low water; it flowing only 4 foot; They uſe yearly to have a *Hurry cane* about the end of *Auguſt* or firſt of *September*, but not violent; Theſe Isalnds are but narrow, not above 2 miles broad, ſome places not a mile; It is a moſt Fertil place Yeilding any thing that any other Countries can produce, but it is over loaded with people, being in it above one thouſand Families They are Neceſſitated only for their food; They are a very ſober people, Piouſly inclined, the place being healthy, they Live to a great Age, ordinarily from ſeventy to eighty and ſome to a hundred years; moſt Civil they are to Strangers as by Experience we found Theſe Islands afords *Sugar*, *Tobacco*, and good ſtore of *Cedar Wood*, They have Nine Churches, to which they are allowed 5 Miniſters,

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very pious and sober Men, their Sallaries is 40 *l. per annum.* paid to their Order at *London*, by the Company, which is returned home to them in goods, which will yeild them 60*l.* Also they have allowed them a good house, and a *Glebe* of 25 Acres of Land to each of them, There are no Sectaries among them, except 20 *Quakers*, They have very good and handsome houses, and live plentifully, abounding in *Fish*, being for most part much given to *Fishing*; They are for the most part *English*, They have good plenty of peices of eight; one sort they value at sixty four pence, the other at fifty six pence; They have a good Number of handsome *Vessels*, with which they Trad to all the *Carribby Islands*, and all other parts of *America*, and frequently Export *Cattle*, *Swine* and *Turkies* for the *Carribies*, and *Carolina* In short it is a place that a Man with a small stock may Live very comfortably. Here we stayed 16 daies recrutting and veiwing the Country, and in my opinion is a very fit place to correspond in Trade with *Carolina*; and for *Carolina*, I judge it a place that Men may boldly go to, haveing good and true Soundings; About 30 Leagues off our Coasts being for the most part *West*; in on that Shore, and as we proved it, Sholed each League a Fadom, so that on ten Fadom, we see the Shore plainly at 6 or 7 Leagues distance, There is now a large *Buoy* on *Ashley* River lying in the midle of the Channel, the Barr lyeth in Latitude 32 degrees 45 m. upon the firing of a Gun a Pylot will not fayl to come off.

We went up to *Charles* Town which is about 4 Leagues from the Bar, and there all the shipping ridel We staid there about 20 Daies, selling part of our goods, and viewing the Countrey about four miles up. It is a new and young Settling the Town began to be built but about 2 years since, and there is now in it about 200 Families, the Countrey was first settled in Anno 1671 with about 70 men and til within these 2 years there was not above 200 Men and now are

Judged

Judged to be one Thousand the ground here without doubt will afford what Europe can, but they want good seeds, plants and good Labourers, there is there several Vineyards of which wine is Expected this year; great plenty of Silke Worms which I saw at work Mulbery trees groweth there, for on the Leaves the said worms do feed they have two Crops a year, the *English* Graine such as peaſe Oats Barley they sow *June* and *February*, which they reap in *May* and then on the Land they plant Indian Corn or Tobacco which is reaped in *October*; of this Indian Corn which by some is Called *Turkey wheat*; they make their Bread which is very good; and of the fine Flower whereof they make variety of dishes. the Encreaſe of it being great, sometim 2, 3 or 400 fold, the like increaſe of many kind of Grain. Good *Indian Peaſe* and *Beans* which are esteemed as good as any in *Europe* generally. *Cattle* and *Sheep* increaſe and thrive there very well insomuch that a *Heiffer* of 9 months old taketh *Bull*, their *Sheep* ordinarily have 2 *Lambs* and sometimes 3. they make no provision for them in *Winter*, for they never come into a Houſe; the ground from day to day affording them Food; the Land next the Sea is Sandy, but the furrher up the Country more Fertill, a good fat and very rich ground; In few years theſe Plantations will be in a good condition, for already they begin [illegible] handsomly, Building good Houses, ditching, Intrenching with quicksets according to the *English* manner, [illegible] came over of late, and are daily coming with good [illegible] no *Winter*, but somtimes a thin *Ice* which melts [illegible] the *Sun* appears, but few storms of Wind, and when any of [illegible]ars continuance. Thunder, Lightning and Rain, they have, but the *Sun* soon drieth the Ground; *Fish* of many kinds, with abundance of *Oysters* and *Shell-fish* in evety Place, and *Wild-foul* of many kinds with great quantities of *Doves* and *Wild Turkies*; they have no cause to fear their Enemies; either the Natives or the *Spainards*, The

Natives

Natives dwell peacably and friendly among them, and are very serviceable to the *English* in *Hunting*, *Fishing*, *Gunning* and otherwise a wrong done to one, is done to both, they willingly go to *War*, either Offensive or Defensive. *Portroyal* being the place by us as most fit for our Imployers to settle on: there we went with our Ship from *Ashley River*, ,and took with us a *Pylot*, and an Interpreter, the Bar of the said place, lyeth in *Latitude* 32½ degrees 5 minuts, it is an excellent *Bar*, where Sounding many times with our *Ship* and *Boats*, we found 19 foot low water, there it floweth 8 foot, at an *East*, *South East Moon*, maketh there a full Sea, the *Bar* is 4 miles broad, and within a brave turning *Channel*, only the *Barr* lyeth 3 *Leagues* off, however it is the choyest place in all *Carolina*, both for *Navigation* and Richness in Lands, here there is nothing of a *Frost*, and I found a considerable difference betwixt the season and *Soyl* of this and that of *Ashley River*, for parting from the said place the 23 of *March* the Treees were but the euding, and the Grass but short; but coming to *Portroyal* the 25 *ditto*; the Tres were all covered with leavs full spred, and fully blosomed, the *Peaches* there were growing *Wild*, set and as great as a small *Wallnut*; within the Entry are 4 Excellent *Islands* of a high Ground, and *Navigable* [illegible] to the midle of them, and by ordinary *ships* of 50 Tuns [illegible] round about, here with the conveniency of water [illegible] may be made. We travelled in our *Boats* several [illegible] *Rivers*; and Country six hands in each *Boatt*, we [illegible] the dwellings belonging to the heads of the people with whom we frequently conversed and several Nights lay by them, without fear; We gave them several Commodities, as *Knives* *Beads* and *Glasses* and in lieu thereof, they killed *Deer* and *Turkies*, and brought them aboard to us; there is not above 8 score of thse Natives in all this Country; for we made it a part of our work to know the

Numbers

Number, *Humours* and way of *living*; We find them a faint hearted people, yet the moſt Laborious of all the Natives, for they have prety good *Houſes*, and plenty of *Corn*; and *Peaſe*, with *Peaches*, and *Tobacco*; They ſeem to be moſt deſirous of our Neighbourhood; they have great kindneſs for the *Engliſh*, but not for the *Spaniards*, and for their *Religion* I judge they are *Pagans*, but ſome judge them to be of the Captive *Iſralites*, by their faces, *Colour* of *Hayr*, worſhiping the new *Moon*, and ſome other Ceremonies reſembling it; I think they might be eaſily gained to *Chriſtianity*, and good order, if pains were taken on them, with good example; We ſtayed at *Portroyal* about a month, ſounding the *Chanel* and *Rivers*, and viewing the land; we lay all Night in the open fields without fear, although we ſaw many of the Natives, and heard the cryes of Wild Beaſts, which gave no offence to Mankind, thoſe that go there muſt be provided with 9 or 12 months bread, ſome ſalt Beef and other Neceſſaries till the ground afford, *Corn* and *Peaſe* may be had there, but the price riſes as people come on. In ſhort my opinion is that *Portryal* is the choyeſt place in *Carolina*, a very rich ſoyl, and good Clymate, and I judge it to be a moſt healthy Country, we get by the Cuſtom of the Country for each perſon 50 Acres of Land, that we carry over, and may ſit down in any place where it is not taken up. After we parted from *Aſhley River*, we returned in 6 weeks time and was of the ſaid time eight dayes becalmed. This in haſt is the needful

Taken by *John Crafford*, who was *Supercargo* of the good Ship the *James* of *Erwin* burthen about 50 Tuns.

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